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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: CUBAN INVOLVEMENT WITH CHILEAN EXILES

REF: A) OTTAWA 4266; B) OTTAWA 3581

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED WITH EXTAFF DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR LA DIVISION, ACTIVITIES OF CUBAN DIPLOMATS AMONG CHILEAN EXILES IN CANADA, CITING INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REF A AS REASON FOR INTEREST.

2. GOC OFFICIALS IMMEDIATELY CONFIRMED THAT CUBAN DIPLOMATS HAVE BEEN ACTIVE AMONG CHILEAN EXILES, BUT THAT TO THE BEST OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE, THEY HAVE NOT BEEN DOING MUCH MORE THAN CIRCULATING AMONG SUCH GROUPS AND GIVING ADVICE AND ENCOURAGEMENT. THEY ARE BEING CAREFULLY WATCHED BY GOC AUTHORITIES (OFFICIALS REQUESTED THAT THIS INFORMATION BE TREATED WITH UTMOST DISCRETION) TO SEE IF ANY MONEY OR OTHER MATERIAL ASSISTANCE IS GIVEN, BUT NONE HAS BEEN NOTED SO FAR.

3. WHEN ASKED IF GOC INTENDED ANY ACTION AS A RESULT OF
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DISCLOSURES IN PARLIAMENT, THEY REPLIED THAT THEY THOUGHT

NOT SPECIFICALLY. THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD CERTAINLY NOT RPT NOT RAISE IT DURING HIS VISIT TO CUBA UNLESS CUBAN ACTIVITY INCREASED NOTABLY; HOWEVER, IF THE CUBANS CAME IN WITH A REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL TO BE ASSIGNED TO CANADA, THEY WOULD BE TURNED DOWN ON THE GROUNDS THAT THEY WERE ALREADY OVERSTAFFED.

4. IN GENERAL DISCUSSION WHICH FOLLOWED, GOC OFFICIALS COMMENTED THAT CUBANS ARE PURSUING A VERY INTERESTING "NEW" LINE REGARDING RELATIONS WITH CANADA, A LINE WHICH CLOSELY ADHERES TO SOVIET POLICY. THEY REPORTED THAT AT THE TIME OF THE PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS OF NEW CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO HAVANA (LAST MONTH), CUBAN FONMIN ROA MADE A POINT OF DECLARING THAT CUBA WAS TOTALLY ABANDONING ITS INTEREST IN THE QUEBEC SEPARATIST MOVEMENT; IT WAS IN CUBA'S INTEREST TO HAVE A STRONG AND UNIFIED CANADA, AND THE GOC COULD HENCEFORTH COUNT ON CUBA NOT TO MEDDLE IN QUEBEC. GOC OFFICIALS COMMENTED TO EMBOFF THAT THIS WAS THE POLICY THE USSR HAD ANNOUNCED SOME TIME AGO ("THE SOVIETS ARE MORE CANADIAN THAN THE CANADIANS").
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